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1. Between 1 and 16 November, the following transports moved eastward through Frankfurt/Oder

Date	No. of cars	Description of Transports
1 November	192 48 44 48	Food, incl. sugar Timber RR wheels and axles RR tank cars
2 November	278 44 46	Textiles, food RR tracks Russian trucks and passenger cars; approx. 150 EM, equipped with small arms
3 November	49 252 30 46 48	Unspecified, boxes 1 x 1 meter in size Sugar, glassware Officers, soldiers, and dependents Iron masts, 8 - 10 meters long Iron masts, 8 - 10 meters long
4 November	291 39 44	Paper, textiles Timber, barracks parts Freight cars, new
5 November	241 41 94 32	Unspecified Cattle Machinery, crated RM, approx. 1,000, most of them belonging to Air Force, with dependents
6 November	282 31 94 102 254	Textiles, food Officers and EM, approx. 900, with dependents Timber Machine parts, crated Sugar, paper, food
7 November	42 46 47	RR tank cars Machinery, crated Cable drums, iron lines

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<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
8 November	298	Unspecified
	94	Freight cars, new
	41	RR wheels, axles
9 November	298	Sugar
	48	RR tank cars
	94	Iron beams and masts
	44	Timber
10 November	256	Paper, food
	31	EM, approx. 1200 and some officers
	98	Machinery, crated
11 November	294	Unspecified
	99	Timber
	42	Cattle
	42	RR freight cars
12 November	307	Textiles, sugar
	31	EM, approx. 900, with dependents
	48	RR tank cars
	44	Unspecified, boxes
13 November	292	Glassware
	91	Machinery, crated
	48	RR tracks and ties
	248	Paper, textiles
	46	Freight cars, new
	48	Freight cars, new, and wheels
	40	Iron masts and iron pipes
	31	Officers, EM, and dependents
15 November	284	Sugar, food
	46	Timber
	40	RR tank cars
	42	Iron masts and boxes of unspecified content
16 November	189	Unspecified
	98	Machine parts, crated
	46	Timber

The military transports mentioned above were assembled in Frankfurt, Oder. The men belonged to different branches of the service; they carried no arms, except where specified.

2. During the same period, i.e., between 1 and 16 November, the following troop and prisoner of war transports passed through Frankfurt/Oder in a westerly direction:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
2 November	28	Young soldiers and officers, approx. 300
4 November	31	Officers and EM, approx. 250, equipped with small arms
	31	Officers and EM, equipped with small arms, 1 train with approx. 180 young officers traveling in an otherwise empty train
7 November	29	EM, young, approx. 350, equipped with small arms
8 November		approx. 150 young officers and EM traveling in an otherwise empty train
9 November	32	Officers, EM and dependents
11 November	28	EM, young, approx. 250
13 November	28	EM, approx. 400, equipped with small arms
16 November	44	Prisoners of war, approx. 1300
	29	EM, young, approx. 400

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In addition, 137 empty trains returned during the same period from Russia. While the military personnel returning to Russia are well dressed, the uniforms of new troops arriving in Germany are badly worn and it is alleged that the men give the impression of being undernourished.

3. Between 25 October and 5 November, the following transports passed through Zossen to the border point Frankfurt/Oder:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
15 October	32	Timber
27 October	28	RR ties and tracks
29 October	28	Barracks parts
2 November	14	Trucks, new, 5-ton
3 November	6	Flour
	8	Butter in barrels
	16	Winter coats, new, for troops

4. During the same period, the following troops passed through Zossen:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of cars</u>	<u>Description of Troops</u>	<u>Coming from:</u>	<u>Going to:</u>
25 October	24	Technical infantry troops	Frankfurt/Oder	Zossen
31 October	32	Engineering troops	Gruenau	Riesa
4 November	18	Young recruits, approx. 400	Strausberg	Wuensdorf
	10	Officers, approx. 30	Strausberg	Wuensdorf

5. Between 25 October and 13 November, the following transports moved eastward through Kuestrin-Kietz:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Destination</u>
27 October	52	Grain	Isterburg
28 October	51	Grain	Isterburg
31 October	31	Officers with dependents	East
3 November	30	Officers and dependents	East
5 November	32	Officers and dependents	Isterburg
7 November	54	Infantry troops, equipped with weapons	Isterburg
8 November	50	Trucks and troops, equipped with weapons	Isterburg
10 November	34	Flour	Isterburg
11 November	34	Officers and dependents	Isterburg
12 November	35	Officers, EM, and dependents	Isterburg
13 November	52	German automobiles	Isterburg

All westbound trains which passed through Kuestrin-Kietz during the same period were empty, with the exception of 185 cars which brought German children from the east to Greifswald and Pasewalk.

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